LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1 - 13 are in the case.

1. (Original) A creatine salt having the formula

wherein A represents an anion of a dicarboxylic acid.

- 2. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein Λ is an anion of malcie acid, malic acid, furnaric acid, or tartaric acid.
- 3. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of malic acid.
- 4. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of maleic acid.
- 5. (Original) The creatine salt of claim I, wherein A is an anion of fumaric acid.
- 6. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of tartaric acid.
- 7. (Original) A process comprising reacting a molar excess of creatine monohydrate and a dicarhoxylic acid or a tricarboxylic acid with heat to form a creatine salt having the formula:

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wherein A represents an anion of a dicarboxylic acid.

- 8. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein the reaction is carried out in an alcohol solvent.
- (Original) The process of claim 7, further comprising separating and drying the creatine salt.
- 10. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of malic acid.
- 11. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of maleic acid.
- 12. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein Λ is an anion of fumaric acid.
- 13. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of tartaric acid.